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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004. Claims 1-10 are pending.

The Office Action identifies four patentably distinct species:

A. An optical laminated body comprising a first transparent film disposed closely to a front surface of a polarizing layer, second transparent film disposed closely to a back surface of the polarizing layer, wherein both of the first transparent film and second transparent film are diffusive films; and a surface light source supplying light to the optical laminated body through a light entry surface of a first transparent film;

B. An optical laminated body comprising a first transparent film disposed closely to a front surface of a polarizing layer, second transparent film disposed closely to a back surface of the polarizing layer, wherein both of the first transparent film and second transparent film are diffusive films; and a lens film disposed between a light source and an optical laminated body;

C. A LCD device;

D. An optical laminated body comprising a first transparent film disposed closely to a front surface of a polarizing layer, second transparent film disposed closely to a back surface of the polarizing layer, wherein both of the first transparent film and second transparent film are diffusive films and the light source comprises a plurality of diffusing points of a light diffusive substance disposed on a surface of the light source.

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The Office Action identifies the species by reference to particular claims, however, as indicated in M.P.E.P. §806.04(e): "Claims are never species."

Election

In response, Applicants elect Species B, with traverse. Claims 2-5 and 10 read upon Species B. Furthermore, claim 3 of Species B is generic to Species C (as demonstrated by the fact that the claims of Species C are all dependent on claim 3).

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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